

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
May 12, 2008

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Clouette, Duffy, Haddad (arrived 9:23), Koehn, Nesbitt, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer
Absent: Blair

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2008 minutes as corrected.
Motion passed unanimously.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence in honor of and respect for our troops around the world.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No comments

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to move Item 4, Proclamation in Recognition of Emergency Services and Public Safety Personnel, as the next item of business.
Motion passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Community/Campus Relations

Town Manager Matthew Hart updated the Council regarding the Community Campus Partnership review of Spring Weekend. Mr. Hart complimented the work and dedication of the emergency personnel and the efforts of the prevention staff both in town and at the University, but stated that at the meeting he challenged the membership to take a position on the weekend and to develop long-term goals and plans.

Council members discussed the positive actions that have been taken over the last 5 years or so and possible approaches to the ongoing issues that persist. Ms. Koehn requested historical statistics be added to the final report including an itemization of the number of students sanctioned under the student code of conduct as a result of Spring Weekend activities. She also requested the Mayor and Town Manager compile information on what other university towns are doing.

2. Community Water and Wastewater issues

Town Manager Matt Hart and Eastern Highland Health District Director Rob Miller attended a meeting of University personnel and neighbors of the UConn agronomy farm regarding the farm's wells. Mr. Miller reported that UConn is undertaking a research project to help gauge whether the drilling of irrigation wells will affect the neighborhood. He also reported that Eastern Highland Health District has reviewed available neighborhood private well water quality data reported in the last 10 years and found none exceeded established action levels for nitrates. Staff will continue to work with the neighbors in the area.

3. Town Council Policy Index

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, effective May 12, 2008, to add the following documents to the Town Council Policy Index:

- Resolution regarding limiting PZC consideration of community sewerage systems – 12/14/1987 (WPCA)
- Resolution regarding winter snow and ice clearing – 09/11/1991
- Resolution regarding purchasing rules and regulations – 01/08/2002
- Resolutions regarding use of "LEEDS" Building Standards – 10/25/2004

Ms. Koehn questioned the inclusion of the purchasing rules and regulations since they have not been updated with regards to environmental and sustainability issues. Mr. Clouette agreed to change his motion and divide the resolution into four separate motions. Mr. Schaefer also agreed to the change.

Motion to include resolution regarding limiting PZC consideration of community sewerage systems passed unanimously.

Motion to include resolution regarding winter snow and ice clearing passed unanimously.

Motion to include resolutions regarding use of "LEEDS" Building Standards passed unanimously.

Motion to include resolution regarding purchasing rules and regulations was withdrawn.

Ms. Koehn moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to refer the resolution regarding purchasing rules and regulations to the Finance committee for review. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

4. Proclamation in Recognition of Emergency Services and Public Safety Personnel

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Nesbitt seconded, effective May 12, 2008, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Proclamation in Recognition of

Emergency Services and Public Safety Personnel
Motion passed by all.

Mayor Paterson invited Council members to join her in presenting the proclamation (attached) to members of the Emergency Services and Public Safety Personnel in honor of all their work in preparation for and execution of the operational plan for Spring Weekend.

5. Presentation to the Council – Roundabout proposal at Rte 275 and Rte 195

Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works, offered an informational presentation on a possible roundabout at the Rte 275 and Rte 195 intersection.

6. Financial Statements Dated March 31, 2008

Mr. Schaefer moved, effective May 12, 2008, to accept the Financial Statements dated March 31, 2008. Mr. Schaefer reviewed the financial statements and explained that there is the likelihood of a \$250,000 shortfall in the current fiscal year.

Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Ms. Koehn left at 9:05 PM.

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- VII. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- No Comments

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Mr. Schaefer reported that he attended the most recent Downtown Partnership meeting and urged the Partnership to be more visible in their explanation of the work that is being done. He suggested a public meeting. Other members agreed that it is incumbent upon the Partnership to apprise citizens of the progress being made. In response to a question the Town Manager reported that the status report of the Partnership would probably be presented at the June 6th Council meeting.

Mr. Paulhus reported that the recent budget information session was well received by the public.

Mr. Haddad arrived at 9:23 PM.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Attached

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

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XII. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. Advance, "Community Celebrates Hogan's Inauguration" - 4/21/08

8. Advance, "Online Global Component Added to Insurance Law Curriculum" - 4/28/08

9. S. Bysiewicz re: Public Service Awards Program

10. CCM re: Conveyance Tax to be Subject of Special Session

11. Chronicle, "A Healthier Choice" - 4/30/08

12. Chronicle, "Alum Gives E.O. Smith Foundation \$400K Gift" - 5/1/08

13. Chronicle, "A Quiet Start to Spring Weekend" - 4/25/08

14. Chronicle, "Council Ups Land-Use Board Fees" - 4/29/08

15. Chronicle, "It's Warm, It's April, It's Spring Weekend Time" - 4/23/08

16. Chronicle, "Letters to the Editor" - 4/25/08

17. Chronicle, "Letters to the Editor" - 5/1/08

18. Chronicle, "Letters to the Editor" - 5/2/08

19. Chronicle, "Letters to the Editor" - 5/6/08

20. Chronicle, "Lots of Revelry, Few Problems" - 4/28/08.

21. Chronicle, "Real Estate Firm Buys Land Near UConn" - 4/29/08

22. Chronicle, "Rep. Merrill Eyes Leadership Seat" - 4/30/08

23. Chronicle, "Septic Issues in Mansfield" - 4/24/08

24. Chronicle, "Smith Teacher to be Honored for Lessons on the Holocaust" - 5/1/08

25. Chronicle, "Smith, UConn Students Have Spring Weekend Alternative" - 4/24/08

26. Chronicle, "Spring Weekend Rolls On" - 4/26/08

27. Chronicle, "Solar Power" - 4/30/08

28. Chronicle, "Still A Mess" - 4/29/08

29. Chronicle, "UConn Mulls Water-Saving Measures - 4/30/08
30. Chronicle, "UConn Officials Mum About Compost Sites" - 5/2/08
31. Chronicle, "University Eyes Site For Hazardous Waste Facility" - 5/5/08
32. Chronicle, "We Offer These Threads, Needles" - 4/28/08
33. Chronicle, "We Offer These Threads, Needles" - 5/5/08
34. Daily Campus, "My Spring Weekend Nightmare" - 5/2/08
35. Hartford Courant, "Drive-In Theatres: Heyday Was Yesteryear" - 5/7/08
36. Hartford Courant, "Party Central No More?" - 4/25/08
37. Hartford Courant, "Region 19 High School Budget Scrapes By" - 5/7/08
38. Hartford Courant, "UConn Student Editor Tells of Sex Assault" - 5/3/08
39. Mansfield Registrars re: Budget Increase
40. NECASA re: Spring Programs
41. C. van Zelm re: March 31, 2008 Progress Report
42. VNA East re: 3rd Quarter Statistics

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Duffy seconded to move into Executive Session.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Clouette, Duffy, Haddad, Nesbitt, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer

Also present: Matthew Hart, Town Manager and Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works

Issue: Open Space Acquisition

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Duffy seconded to move out of Executive Session.
 Motion passed unanimously.
 Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting.
 Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk